GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:316
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2016
Setting up of Tourism Hubs
Banerjee Shri Kalyan

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up tourism hubs in various States of the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Governments on the incredible sites of the States in this regard; and
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the status of the proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*316 ANSWERED ON 08.08.2016 REGARDING SETTING UP OF TOURISM HUBS.

(a) to (d): For development of tourism infrastructure in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has launched two new schemes in 2014-15 i.e. Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits and PRASAD- Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive.

Under Swadesh Darshan scheme thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit. Under PRASAD scheme thirteen cities/sites have been identified for development namely: Amritsar, Ajmer, Kedarnath, Dwarka, Mathura, Varanasi, Gaya, Kamakhya, Puri, Amaravati, Kanchipuram, Vellankanni and Patna.

The Ministry of Tourism identifies tourism circuits/sites for infrastructural development in the country in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilization certificates, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports and adherence to the scheme guidelines.
The details of projects sanctioned to the various State Governments/Union Territories under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD schemes since its launch are annexed.
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